

To: Teichman, Kevin[Teichman.Kevin@epa.gov]
From: Otto, Martha
Sent: Thur 7/13/2017 2:28:11 PM
Subject: RE: One last change!! Allegation #124

I checked it. It's fine.

Thanks!

From: Teichman, Kevin
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Otto, Martha <Otto.Martha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: One last change!! Allegation #124

I'm good with this change. Need to check if it also possibly impacts the desk statement.

Thanks.

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From: Otto, Martha

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 10:09:06 AM
To: Teichman, Kevin
Subject: One last change!! Allegation #124

Hi, Kevin,

I made a small change to the Sierra Club report and letter – after I re-read Bruce’s comments below and realized that he was right in his #2 comment. His suggestion is closer to the actual language in the Policy:

Bruce’s comment:

1. A. Letter, second last paragraph, B. Rationale last para of “Analysis” just before “Findings”:

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Language from the Policy (with my emphasis added):

*When an Agency employee substantively engaged in the science informing an Agency policy decision disagrees with the scientific data, scientific interpretations, or scientific conclusions that will be relied upon for said Agency decision, the employee is encouraged to express that **opinion**...*

So, I went back to the language in the letter and then made the report match it.

Here it is:

Expressing an opinion about science is not a violation of the EPA Scientific Integrity Policy. Indeed, the Scientific Integrity Policy – in the spirit of promoting vigorous debate and inquiry – specifically encourages employees to express their opinion should the employee disagree with scientific data, scientific interpretations, or scientific conclusions.

If you are OK with this, I am ready to send the revised report and letter to the Panel.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Allegation #124

Francesca,

A few minor concerns remain—maybe it's a version control issue, but I have raised them before:

1. Letter, end para 2, is missing a period.
2. A. Letter, second last paragraph, B. Rationale last para of "Analysis" just before "Findings":

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3. Rationale, second para in Analysis section, i.e., after the italicized quote:

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Bruce Rodan

From: Grifo, Francesca

Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 12:14 PM

To: Shaw, Betsy <Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov>; Reeder, John <Reeder.John@epa.gov>; Rodan, Bruce <rodan.bruce@epa.gov>; Siciliano, CarolAnn <Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov>; Teichman, Kevin <Teichman.Kevin@epa.gov>

Cc: Otto, Martha <Otto.Martha@epa.gov>

Subject: Allegation #124

Hi everyone – Here is what I hope are the final versions of the report and the letter to the Sierra Club. I will put the letter on letterhead and make it into a pdf before sending. The report can be FOIA'd but we do not routinely send that out so it goes into our files.

QUESTION – Is this letter from me, from The Scientific Integrity Review Committee (all of you), both of us or from all of us and the Committee?

I think it should be from me and the Scientific Integrity Review Committee. Also – anyone else who should get copied on this?

Please get me any comments or edits.

Thank you

Francesca

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